

REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 27, 28, 30, 31, and 52-54 have been amended, and claims 40, 47, 57 and 58 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 27-39, 41-46, 48-56 and 59 are now active in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

At the bottom of page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner kindly indicated that claims 27-39, 41-46 and 48-59 currently contain allowable subject matter, but that some of the claims must be amended to overcome objections presented in the Office Action.

Specifically, on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that the word --arrangement-- should be inserted after the word “fulcrum” at line 2 of claim 28, line 2 of claim 31 and line 2 of claim 53. Accordingly, each of claims 28, 31 and 53 has been amended as the Examiner suggested.

Also, the Examiner indicated that the phrases “said first end” at line 10 of claim 27, line 11 of claim 30 and line 21 of claim 52 lacked proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, in order to overcome this objection, “said first end” has been changed to --a first end-- in each of these instances.

On page 3 of the Office Action, claims 57 and 58 were objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Accordingly, claims 57 and 58 have been cancelled so as to overcome this objection.

At the bottom of page 3 of the Office Action, claim 47 was objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claim 40. Claim 47, as well as claim 40, have now been cancelled, thereby rendering this objection moot.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 40 and 47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because the phrases “said slit part of said spring member” lacked proper antecedent basis in the claims. As mentioned above, claims 40 and 47 have now been cancelled, and therefore, this rejection has been overcome.

Also, on line 20 of claim 54, "a second end thereof" has been changed to --an end thereof-- because there is no previous recitation in claim 54 of a first end of the support arm. It is submitted that this revision is of a formal nature and does not change the scope of the claim.


Thus, in view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that all of the objections and rejections presented in the final Office Action mailed January 9, 2007, have been overcome.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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